

27, 28, 41, 29 and 40 in the hands of the President for signature.

The President read an amendment offered by Senator Baldwin, asking \$5,000 for a road between Makawao and Keolu.

Senator Baldwin did not want to be understood as wishing to insert items in the bill that were not useful. People here have no idea of the extent of the farming interests in the neighborhood of Makawao. The corn crop last year was large, and with the potato crop did much toward supporting a large colony of people of different nationalities. The trouble to the colonists has been the difficulty in getting their produce to market. At times the cost has been \$12 a load for freightage. With \$5,000 added to the appropriation a road could be built that would materially reduce this. I do not ask this through the receipt of a petition, but because I know it is needed.

Senator Hocking said substantially the same as the previous speaker, adding that the rates from San Francisco were lower than from Maui.

Item passed as amended. When the item for pipes was read, Minister King requested an additional allowance of \$8,000 for water pipes on Liliha and Merchant streets, and asked that it be added to the money for water works in Honolulu.

Senator Schmidt wished to know if anything was to be done in the matter of a filtering system for the city. He understood that the physicians strongly recommended this plan.

Minister Smith said the Board of Health was seriously considering putting in such a system. The Executive wanted to insert an appropriation before the bill was prepared, but the Board had no data on which to work. They had something to work on now, and he would ask that an item of \$30,000 be inserted here.

Senator Brown asked if it was necessary to have this new system if the pumping plant was run continuously.

Minister Smith said no doubt the cost of running the pumping plant continuously would amount to a great deal more.

Senator Brown said the only reason he asked was that the bill was prepared as a home measure, and if they kept adding items to it would grow to such an extent that a higher rate of interest would have to be arranged, because we would have to go abroad to negotiate the loan and pay a commission for negotiating. The bond market here was limited, and when we got above that sum they must be sold abroad, in violation of the principles on which the loan is authorized, or find ourselves with a lot of unsold bonds on our hands.

Minister Smith thought the matter of interest could be considered again. The filter system had been done without for a number of years, and we could get along two years longer. We need these improvements that will bring people here as much as anything else. So far as the interest is concerned, it would be better for us to make a higher rate of interest and get all the money we need than to make a low rate and get half what we want. These improvements are actually needed, and we should have the money for it. I understand what Senator Brown says about a low rate of interest, because I have sums of money in my hands as trustee, but I cannot believe I would be justified in investing these trust funds at 5 per cent. in Government bonds when I can get 7 per cent. on approved real estate.

Senator Brown questioned if filtering would be enough to purify the water sufficiently to make it pure. In my family we do not consider mere filtering sufficient, we always boil the water; and I believe that after this money is spent for a filtering process the people would continue to boil it.

Senator McCandless objected to further appropriation of funds until the current account bills had been passed by the House. There are items in this loan bill which belong in that, and with the additional revenue raised through the tax bill will increase the revenue several hundred thousand dollars. I would ask what is to be done with this money that will not be used? Minister Smith thought it might be utilized in paying off some of the bonds that are redeemable next year.

On vote, the amendment to insert the item of \$20,000 was lost.

The item for sewer system brought an explanation from Minister Smith of Mr. Dodge's visit to the United States and England. He would like an appropriation to bring men here who could thoroughly examine the conditions and recommend some special system. Colonel Waring of New York could not visit the Islands, but his assistant is willing. Another expert from New Zealand is willing to come.

Senator Lyman asked for an additional \$10,000 for roads on Hawaii from Hilo to Kaunapali.

Senator Brown said he thought Hawaii had done very well. Nearly half the amount of this loan bill is appropriated for the Island of Hawaii. The people who had bought the land which Senator Lyman speaks of knew that there were no roads there. For his part he would be glad to build roads clear around every Island, but we had better go slow.

Item passed. Senator McCandless wanted Section 9 reconsidered in order that he might introduce the following new section:

"Section 9. In addition to the authority heretofore conferred upon the Minister of Finance, he is hereby further authorized to issue bonds of the character heretofore described, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the present bonded indebtedness of the Republic of Hawaii; provided, however, that no such bonds shall be sold at a discount, and no commission shall be allowed upon the sale of the same."

"Section 10. All proceeds of all bonds which may be sold under or by virtue of the last preceding section shall be devoted to paying and cancelling any of the existing bonded indebtedness of the Republic of Hawaii."

Senator Brown said it could not go. It was entirely irrelevant to the measure and was going slap-bang against the Constitution.

The President called several times for a second, and finally Senator Ly-

man volunteered to perform the duty. When the vote was called the President could not decide, from the scarcity of hands raised, whether the item was lost or carried. He thought the section was lost, but could not say positively. He could tell better if the Senators would rise. On putting the motion, Senators Lyman and McCandless stood out in bold relief against the calumny of the section. The contrary vote shut them from view. The new section was irretrievably lost.

Senator Hocking wanted to know if the money raised from the tax bill and other special sources could be used for these improvements in case the bonds failed to sell on account of the low rate of interest.

Minister Smith and Senator Brown replied that it could not be.

When the total amount of the improvements under the Act was shown to be \$778,000, Senator McCandless suggested that the loan be increased to \$800,000.

Objection was raised, and as the original bill called for \$752,000, Senator Rice moved the amount be increased to the total of improvements.

Senator Baldwin introduced a resolution to the effect that the expense of placing the loan should not exceed the sum of \$22,400. This would bring the total amount of the loan up to \$800,000. Carried.

Senator Brown asked suspension of rules and reported Senate bill No. 37 and House bill No. 45 in the hands of the President for signature.

Under the same suspension Minister King reported House bill No. 45 as signed.

Senator McCandless, under the same suspension, read the following report of the committee appointed to investigate the powder magazine:

"Your committee to whom was referred the Minister of the Interior's answer regarding the present location and condition of the powder magazine beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration.

"We find that the brick magazine is entirely too small for the present requirements, and the additional galvanized iron building we consider dangerous, both as to location and manner in which it is built, it being located among brush and grass where, in case of a fire, it could be communicated to the floor of the magazine, as it is of wood and about two feet from the ground, and nothing but loose stones piled up around the building. It is on a prominent point and within a short distance of residences.

"We therefore recommend that the Executive change the location of the magazine as soon as possible, and that there be appropriated a sufficient sum to erect a proper building for storing powder; also that the Minister of the Interior issue regulations in regard to the manner of storing the kind of shoes that shall be worn by those entering the building, and all other things that are right and proper for the safety of lives and property, and see to it that they are carried out.

(Signed)
"J. A. McCANDLESS,
"W. H. RICE,
"J. N. WRIGHT."

Senate bill No. 45, relating to extension and widening certain streets in the town of Hilo, Island of Hawaii, was taken up. After vote on the last section had been taken, Senator McCandless asked for a reconsideration of the vote on Section 1, so that he could introduce an amendment which would provide for damages and betterments.

Senator Lyman said if the amendment was passed it would kill the bill. He stepped to the map and explained the trend of the street, widths, etc.

Senator McCandless said the more the honorable Senator said about the improvement, the deeper he went into the details of the matter, the more he was convinced that the extension and widening of Bridge street meant a fortune for the owners of the property there. Anyone could see at a glance after hearing the explanation of the honorable Senator, that Bridge street was destined to be the Boulevard de Strathmore of the rapidly growing city of Hilo, while the other streets would soon be deserted. He could see that with the widening of that street there would be valuable corner and side lots for sale that meant vast fortunes to the owners. If he owned land on Bridge street he would want nothing better in this world's goods. A few years hence, if this street was opened up, Waimanalo avenue would become like a deserted village, while Bridge would be on the boom.

Senator McCandless' amendment was lost. Senate bill No. 25, relating to the fire limits, came up for consideration at the House amendment. This amendment inserts the words, "provided, however, that overhead ceiling may be made of tongue and grooved northwest lumber." Senator McCandless approved the amendment, as, although contrary to law, tongue and grooved ceilings had been allowed throughout Honolulu. The Senate concurred in the House amendment.

House bill on the proposed amendment to the Constitution relating to the title of bills passed the second reading and placed on the regular order of the day for Saturday. Adjourned.

House of Representatives.

By request of the attorney for R. W. Irwin, Hawaiian Consul in Japan who not long since sent in a petition to the effect that certain money spent for Japanese immigrants to the Hawaiian Islands over and above the amount authorized by the Government, be refunded to him. Rep. Robertson asked that he be allowed to withdraw said petition, it having been understood that the Minister of Foreign Affairs to whom it had been referred, would have no objection to such action. Request granted and petition withdrawn.

House took a recess to confer upon various matters.

Upon being called to order again Minister Smith said he understood that there was no work on the order of the day. He thought that the Appropriation Bill for Current Expenses might be taken up in second reading and

passed, relying upon the third reading for the insertion of certain items for internal improvements. However, if there was a great deal of committee work to be done, he would move for adjournment and for the consideration in second reading Saturday, of the bill in question.

Rep. Ryercroft—It would be a much wiser plan to allow the bill to remain as it is until we get through with the Tax Bill. If we pass the bill in its present shape it will have to be typewritten. We expect a large increase of revenue through the tax bill—probably \$100,000. Now then this amount will provide for various items to be inserted in the Current Expenses Bill and there will be all that extra work of typewriting to be done. There will be no trouble in the Senate about the passage of the bill. It will only be a few days when we can act intelligently upon the measure. As it is now we have a lot of committee work and could spend the remainder of the day very profitably in this direction. I move that the House adjourn.

Rep. Robertson—There is no danger that the House will adjourn without having adopted the Current Expenses Bill. I for one am not in favor of hurrying it. There are certain other bills that must be acted on before we can work on the one under discussion. In the meantime there are many important matters in the hands of the various committees and to which they should give careful attention. I think we had better devote the remainder of the day to committee work.

Rep. Robertson (continuing)—Now then there is one matter I wish to speak of. The criticism has been made that the House has acted in a dilatory manner and has not attended to business. On the contrary, I think we have been working very hard. If it has not been in open session here in the House it has been in committee work. Here we have been spurred up by the Attorney General.

Minister Smith—I have not been guilty of any reflection on the House. Where did you get your information? I was not in the House when the remarks were made, but I got my impression from the newspapers of a day or two ago.

Minister Smith—I am of the opinion that the House has done a lot of work. Rep. Robertson (continuing)—Certain measures have been introduced by the cabinet in the latter part of the session that might have been introduced here earlier and prevented a piling up of work at this time.

Rep. Ryercroft—During the first part of the session the House met here and kept adjourning from day to day. There was nothing to do while the Senate had too much work. The loan and other bills could have been introduced in the House. Instead of that the Executive saw fit to introduce them in the Senate, giving the House nothing to do. The House, I contend, is not to blame. If certain bills had been introduced down here they might have fared better than they did up there.

House adjourned at 11 a. m. Speaker Naone—Adjournment does not mean that the members are to go home. It means that they stay here and work.

Target Shooting.

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